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In re Application of: ROTH, Ray; LAKING, Rodger

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Dear Sir:

RCE SUBMISSION

A Request for Continued Examination and a petition for a 3-month extension of time are being filed herewith. In response to the Office Action of **October 14**, **2010**, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page **2** of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.